

ARKANSAS BROILER HATCHERY



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ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS 1 PERCENT BELOW LAST YEAR

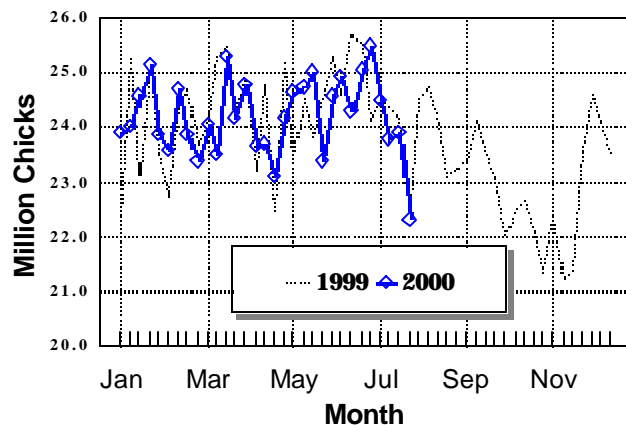
Broiler-type **chicks placed** for meat production in Arkansas was 22.3 million during the week ending July 29, 2000, according to the Arkansas Agricultural Statistics Service. Placements were 1 percent below the comparable week in 1999, and 7 percent below the previous week, and included 2.5 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2000, through July 29, 2000, were 749.9 million, down slightly from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type **chicks hatched** for the week was 23.6 million, down 1 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, and 5 percent below the previous week. Of the total hatch, 3.2 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 82.3 percent.

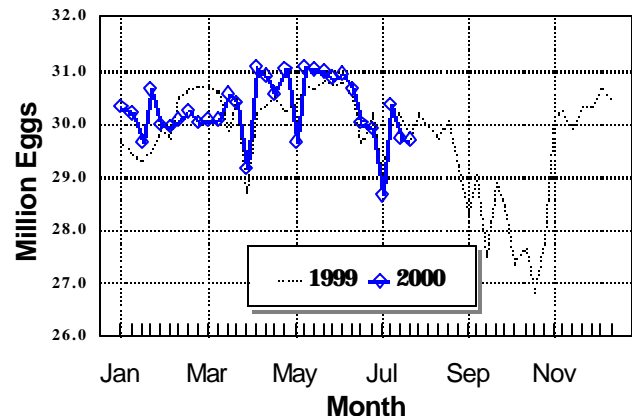
Arkansas hatcheries **set** 29.7 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending July 29, 2000, down slightly from both the same period last year and the previous week.

Week Ending	NET PLACEMENTS			CHICKS HATCHED			EGGS SET		
	1999	2000	% Change	1999	2000	% Change	1999	2000	% Change
	<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>		
Jun. 24	25,072	25,062	100	25,524	25,747	101	29,642	30,043	101
Jul. 1	24,146	25,510	106	25,529	25,970	102	30,204	29,917	99
Jul. 8	24,544	24,510	100	25,258	25,693	102	28,938	28,673	99
Jul. 15	24,386	23,772	97	24,575	25,140	102	30,271	30,353	100
Jul. 22	24,166	23,887	99	24,991	24,911	100	30,168	29,752	99
Jul. 29	22,543	22,315	99	23,850	23,611	99	29,721	29,692	100

CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS, 1999 - 2000



EGGS SET, 1999 - 2000



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BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 15 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2000

EGGS SET (in Thousands)						CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
S T A T E	Week Ending				1/	24-Jun	Week Ending				1/	
	08-Jul	15-Jul	22-Jul	29-Jul	%		01-Jul	08-Jul	15-Jul	22-Jul	29-Jul	%
Alabama	27,235 *	28,587	28,670	28,687	104	21,561	21,712	21,545	20,645	20,859	20,195	107
ARKANSAS	28,673 *	30,353	29,752	29,692	100	25,062	25,510	24,510	23,772	23,887	22,315	99
Delaware	4,065	4,145	3,989	4,027	91	5,062	5,593	5,488	5,752	5,075	5,384	105
Florida	2,761	2,876	2,720	2,649	98	2,511	2,569	2,324	2,396	2,373	2,354	92
Georgia	29,667 *	29,669	30,458	30,488	97	25,329	25,426	25,438	23,522	23,947 *	23,890	97
Maryland	8,425	8,474	8,328	8,485	100	5,874	5,937	5,480	5,617	5,375	5,081	83
Mississippi	17,404 *	18,013	18,168	18,149	99	15,754	15,456	15,173 *	14,461	14,650	14,661	97
N. Carolina	17,519	17,236	17,886	17,854	101	14,743	14,447	14,509	14,305	13,325	13,817	100
Pennsylvania	3,677 *	3,615 *	3,679 *	3,817	107	2,802	2,622	2,514 *	2,843 *	2,560 *	2,756	95
S. Carolina	4,681	4,850	4,747	4,822	100	3,828	4,579	4,105	4,138	4,222	3,443	93
Texas	13,774	13,320	13,162	13,332	101	11,244	11,371	11,338	11,486	9,776	10,714	104
Virginia	6,295	6,472 *	6,253 *	6,312	96	5,792	5,038	5,234	5,473 *	5,205 *	5,447	102
CA TN & W VA	11,054	11,052	10,764	10,945	101	10,207	9,888	9,572	10,066 *	9,722 *	10,327	93
TOTAL 2000	175,230 *	178,662 *	178,576 *	179,259		149,769	150,148	147,230 *	144,476 *	140,976 *	140,384	
TOTAL 1999	179,244	182,678	181,666	179,814		147,965	147,213	146,774	145,196	143,251	142,036	
% PREV. YEAR	98	98	98	100		101	102	100	100	98	99	
APPROXIMATE MARKETING DATE 2000.....						12-Aug	19-Aug	26-Aug	02-Sep	09-Sep	16-Sep	

* Revised . 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

EGGS SET IN 15 MAJOR BROILER PRODUCING STATES DOWN SLIGHTLY

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-state weekly program set 179 million eggs during the week ending July 29, 2000. This was down slightly from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 82 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED DOWN 1 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 15-state weekly program placed 140 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 29, 2000. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week in 1999. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2000, through July 29, 2000, were 4.40 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.